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### NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-31-55

WEATHER Mild weather prevailed during the week, except for a brief moderately cold snap about the middle. There was no precipitation of consequence over the eastern and central portions of the State, but the west received a few light showers during the latter part of the week, and the northwest corner received a moderate rain. Sunshine was plentiful, and wind movement was light.

CROPS Winter wheat received considerable benefit from the snow which has now melted. It packed the loose surface slightly but was not sufficient in the southern half of the State. The situation is more favorable in the Panhandle. A little moisture in the form of rain was received in extreme northwest Nebraska last week.

Winter range is open again except in north central Nebraska. Range feed is generally reported short except in northwestern Nebraska. The mild weather of the past week has eased feed requirements. Consumption of hay and forage has been quite heavy previously, due to the snow and low temperatures.

A total of nearly 599,000 bushels of certified seed potatoes were produced this year, or about 75 per cent of last year's production. Leading varieties in thousands of bushels are as follows: LaSoda, 154; Triumph, 152; Progress, 106; Dazoc, 49.

Rail shipments of potatoes have been increasing. A total of 866 cars have been shipped up to December 29 as compared with 768 cars to the same date a year ago.

Farm auctions have been quite numerous. One northeastern county reports a number of farms being sold which were purchased by local farm operators. Prices have been somewhat higher at some of the local farm auctions.

There is still a considerable demand by farmers for off-farm work. Production of milk and eggs is increasing. Prices of eggs have been good. Milk cows have been selling quite high. Keith County reports a considerable quantity of corn available for sale.

LIVESTOCK Cattle slaughter in Nebraska for the first ten months of the year totals 1,730,000 head as compared with 1,586,000 head for the first eleven months a year ago. Hog slaughter, January to November inclusive, totals 3,383,000 head as compared with 2,468,000 head for the first eleven months of 1954. Many of the counties report intentions for reducing the spring pig crop. The December pig survey indicated a reduction of 20 per cent.

### WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 2, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.29
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	.08
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	.06
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.02				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30, 1955

